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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/589,369 | PASQUIER ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Eisa B. Elhilo | 1796 | |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on October 24, 2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-52.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____ .
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date ____ .
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/6/2008 .
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ____.

/Eisa B Elhilo/
 Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796
 November 6, 2008

DETAILED ACTION

- 1 This action is responsive to the amendment filed on October 24, 2008.
- 2 The cancellation of claims 1-12 is acknowledged. Pending claims are 13-52.
- 3 The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/24/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the copending Application No. 10/587,763, has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- 4 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael J. Striker on November 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete the amendment to specification filed on October 24, 2008.

In page 1, under the title insert -- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. PCT/EP04/12983 filed on Nov. 16, 2004 and claims priority of the German application No. 10 2004 008 603.6 filed on February 21, 2004. --.

In page 1, on line 4, insert, -- FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

In page 1, on line 6, insert, -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

In page 1, on line 28, insert, -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

In page 1, on line 31, insert, -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

5 Claims 13-52 are allowed.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record (US 4,046,752) does not teach or disclose a method for dyeing hair comprising applying to the hair a colorant comprising at least one thiazonium azo dye of the claimed formula (I) as claimed. Further, the closest prior art of record (US' 752) does not teach or disclose agents for dyeing keratin fibers comprising at least one thiazonium azo dye of the claimed formula (I) in a combination with at least one additional direct dye or at least one polymer compound or at least one oxidation dye as claimed. Accordingly, the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of keratin fibers dyeing formulation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pyon Harold can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796
November 6, 2008